

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice and add the following new claims in lieu thereof.

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8. (New) A method of reducing an atherosclerotic plaque load in the vessels of a mammal comprising administering to a mammal in need of such reduction a progestational agent that has an effect on the sex organs of said mammal less than that of medroxyprogesterone acetate, wherein said agent is administered in an amount sufficient to effect said reduction.

9. (New) The method according to claim 8 wherein said progestational agent is 17-hydroxyprogesterone.

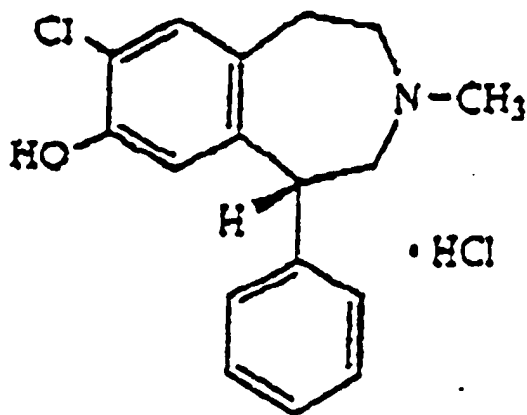
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10. (New) A method of reducing an atherosclerotic plaque load in the vessels of a mammal comprising administering to a mammal in need of such reduction a non-steroidal compound that inhibits macrophages or macrophage function, wherein said compound is administered in an amount sufficient to effect said reduction.

11. (New) The method according to claim 10 wherein said non-steroidal compound inhibits macrophage Fc receptors.

12. (New) The method according to claim 10 wherein said non-steroidal compound is a benzazepine or a butyrophenone.

13. (New) The method according to claim 12 wherein said non-steroidal compound is of the formula I



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or haloperidol is administered.